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LEGISLATIVE BILL 655

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend sections
2 85-1502 and 85-2229, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to require compliance with association
4 requirements for payment of state aid as prescribed;
5 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
6 sections.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 85-1502, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 85-1502 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature
4 that a clear distinction between area governance and statewide
5 coordination for the community college areas be recognized and
6 that such coordination is appropriate in order to provide the most
7 cost-effective programs for residents of each community college
8 area. It is further the intent of the Legislature that coordination
9 of the community colleges by the Coordinating Commission for
10 Postsecondary Education be conducted through an association of the
11 boards.

12 (2) All of the boards shall be a part of and shall be
13 represented by such association. Coordination services provided
14 by such association shall include (a) preparation of a system
15 strategic plan, (b) coordination of the budget request for
16 the biennium, (c) facilitation of program-needs assessment
17 and articulation, (d) recommendation and facilitation of the
18 appointment of representatives to committees, boards, commissions,
19 task forces, and any other state-level bodies requesting or
20 requiring participation from the community college system, and (e)
21 facilitation of responses to data and information requests for the
22 system.

23 (3) All activities conducted pursuant to this section by
24 such association shall be conducted in accordance with the Open
25 Meetings Act.

1 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
2 or provide for state control of the operations of any community
3 college area or to abridge the governance ability, rights, or
4 responsibilities of any board. Nothing in this section shall be
5 construed to limit the ability or authority of the commission to
6 fulfill its responsibilities and duties regarding the individual
7 community college areas and the individual community college area
8 campuses.

9 (5) A community college area which has not met the
10 association membership requirements of this section is not
11 eligible to receive aid payments pursuant to the Community
12 College Foundation and Equalization Aid Act until such membership
13 requirements are met.

14 Sec. 2. Section 85-2229, Reissue Revised Statutes of
15 Nebraska, is amended to read:

16 85-2229 The Director of Administrative Services shall,
17 upon notification by the State Treasurer that sufficient funds
18 are available for payment, draw warrants on vouchers presented by
19 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services
20 against funds appropriated and deliver such warrants to the various
21 community colleges. The director shall withhold payment from any
22 community college area that has not met the membership requirements
23 established by section 85-1502 until such membership requirements
24 are satisfied.

25 Sec. 3. Original sections 85-1502 and 85-2229, Reissue

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1 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.